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Mr. Norman Dong
Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
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Dear Commissioner Dong:

Thank you for your commitment to work with the committee to replace the General Services Administration's (GSA) unusually large number of expiring commercial real estate leases on time and in a manner that maximizes cost savings for the taxpayer. We appreciate your active participation in our July 15 round table and July 30 hearing where industry and government experts agreed the opportunity for dramatic savings is real but limited in time. In order to achieve these savings we strongly encourage you to significantly increase the issuance of task orders under the current National Broker Contract (NBC II) and expand the scope and capacity of the next generation broker contract to include prime contracts awarded to small business brokers. Broker contracts are a proven method for acquiring leased space for the government at significantly lower rental rates, and they can enable GSA to quickly increase its leasing capacity and seize this limited window of opportunity to save billions of dollars in lease payments for the taxpayer.

As we determined at the two recent committee meetings, we have a unique opportunity to replace half of GSA's leased inventory with more cost effective long-term lease deals that improve utilization rates. However, we are concerned this opportunity will be missed if specific actions are not taken to increase GSA's capacity to procure replacement leases. Absent a concerted effort, or "GSA leasing initiative" to achieve these goals, the taxpayer will pay considerably more than is necessary to house federal employees for the foreseeable future. Current GSA data, which shows short-term leases are growing and 20 percent more expensive, confirms the need for a leasing initiative to reverse this trend.

Over the next five years, GSA needs to replace approximately one hundred million square feet of expiring leases. Dramatically increasing task orders under NBC II, and ultimately under the next broker contract, is the most effective and immediate step GSA can take to increase its ability to

execute cost effective lease replacements and avoid costly holdovers and short-term lease extensions. Task orders should include prospectus level and below prospectus level leases, particularly those over 50,000 square feet, where GSA data confirms NBC brokers consistently negotiate lower effective rents than GSA. In fact, four of the most cost effective leases GSA recently signed in the National Capital Region were negotiated by NBC II contractors.

We also urge you to replace the expiring contract in a timely manner, while expanding its scope and capacity, to meet the unprecedented demand for lease procurements. Regarding scope, we recommend GSA improve the future contract by enabling private sector firms to further support related services such as the development of lease requirements and the clearly defined management of building out leased space. Market lease commissions, unaltered, should be able to provide adequate private sector compensation to perform these services. With respect to capacity, the next generation broker contract should comply with small business contracting requirements without imposing additional administrative reporting burdens on large or small businesses. Small business brokers work as prime contractors for other agency leasing programs, and we believe they could be used effectively to help meet our mutual cost savings goals for GSA leases. GSA should begin the process of replacing the national broker contract on a timely basis so there is adequate opportunity for public review and comment and no lapse in GSA's use of contract brokerage services.

In closing, we are very encouraged by your commitment to work with our committee to save billions of dollars through competitive lease procurements. The opportunity is real, but limited in time.

We look forward to working with you to develop the next generation broker contract and specific goals and metrics for utilizing the current contract to meet GSA's lease renewal requirements. Please contact us directly or Dan Mathews of the committee staff in order to discuss the appropriate next steps in this effort.

Sincerely,



Bill Shuster
Chairman
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Lou Barletta
Chairman
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The Honorable Daniel Tangherlini
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
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Dear Administrator Tangherlini:

Thank you for your testimony before the Subcommittee at the hearing entitled, "Federal Triangle South: Redeveloping Underutilized Federal Property Through Public Private Partnerships" held on November 19, 2013. As a follow-up to that hearing, attached, please find questions submitted for the record by Delegate Holmes Norton, Ranking Member Carson, and myself for your response.

Your timely and expeditious responses to these questions are much appreciated. Please respond to these requests at your earliest convenience, but no later than 30 days from the date of this letter.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Subcommittee Staff Director, Dan Mathews at (202) 225-3014.

Sincerely,

Lou Barletta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Economic Development,
Public Buildings,
and Emergency Management

Questions for the Record

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management House transportation and Infrastructure committee

“Federal Triangle South: Redeveloping Underutilized Federal Property Through Public Private Partnerships”

November 19, 2013

Questions Submitted by Subcommittee Chair Barletta:

1. GSA has proposed using its exchange authority in a number of cases. However, GSA has a number of exchange authorities, each of which has its own requirements and limitations. Which exchange authority is GSA intending to use for the FBI headquarters and potentially for Federal Triangle South?
2. Please provide, in writing, to the Committee an official legal analysis on GSA's exchange authority and on what basis GSA believes it can enter into an exchange for services, namely to construct a new facility, without an approved prospectus or approval through the appropriations process?
3. Please provide the Committee the following: the annual rent collected by the Federal Building Fund (FBF) for each of the past fiscal years from 2000 through 2013, the requested amount of the FBF in the President's budget for each of those years, and the amounts actually enacted for the FBF each of those fiscal years.
4. Please provide the square footage or acreage, value, description of type of property, release date of request for proposal, date of legal change of ownership, and the legal authority (provide US citation) used to conduct the real property for real property exchanges completed in: Brownsville, TX; Austin, TX; Atlanta, GA; Cedar Rapids, IA; Charlotte, NC; Tulsa, OK; Rockford, IL; and San Antonio, TX between 2000 and 2012.
5. How many of personnel involved with the eight the real property for real property exchanges mentioned above are involved in the five real property for real property exchanges that GSA is currently conducting in CA, DC, FL, and MD?
6. How much in direct and indirect costs has GSA incurred to date as a result of the five real property for real property exchanges that GSA is currently conducting in CA, DC, FL, and MD?
7. The five real property for real property exchanges that GSA is currently conducting are in four different regions (Pacific Rim, Southeast Sunbelt, National Capital, Mid-Atlantic). While each property is unique, the policies and procedures that GSA uses to initiate, monitor, value, and review projects should be uniform in order to provide a

consistent level of customer service. Please provide copies of these policies and procedures.

8. Will the five real property for real property exchanges that GSA is currently conducting result in tenant agencies paying less rent than they currently do?

Questions Submitted by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton

1. Does the General Services Administration plan to move forward with a solicitation for Federal Triangle South that will take advantage of the opportunity to develop CSX's air rights when they expand the capacity of its rail line that runs along Virginia Avenue?
2. When will the CSX construction project expected to start in Federal Triangle South?

Question Submitted by Ranking Member André Carson

1. Please describe the condition and capital repair needs of the Ft. Lauderdale, FL Federal Courthouse. Please describe how GSA would be able to use its existing authorities to replace or repair the Ft. Lauderdale Courthouse, including but not limited to public-private partnerships, exchange or federal appropriations.

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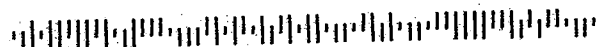
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The Honorable Daniel Tangherlini
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Ms. Lisa Austin
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Dear Ms. Austin:

The enclosed information concerning my constituent (b) (6) is submitted for your consideration. (b) (6) has requested my assistance regarding obtaining surplus dump trucks, Pickup trucks or four wheel drive police vehicles.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in investigating this matter and informing me of your findings and of any action you are able to take on behalf of (b) (6).

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please respond to me at the Hazleton Office: 1 South Church Street, Suite 100, Hazleton, PA 18201, (570) 751-0050.

Very truly yours,

Lou Barletta
Member of Congress

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CONGRESSIONAL CASEWORK AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Claim, File or Case Number: Filing Date:

Federal Agency involved in your case:

Which other offices have you contacted? NONE

I request the assistance of Congressman Lou Barletta and his staff in the following federal matter:
(Please provide a brief explanation of your problem and attach copies of any relevant document.
Use additional paper if necessary.)

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In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby authorize Congressman Lou Barletta and his staff to make the necessary inquiry on my behalf regarding the problem described above. I give my consent for the information concerning me and this problem to be furnished to Congressman Lou Barletta and his staff.

Signed: (b) (6) Date: 9-10-2014



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April 22, 2013

Christopher P. Bertram, Staff Director

James H. Zoia, Democrat Staff Director

The Honorable Daniel Tangherlini
Acting Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Acting Administrator Tangherlini:

We are pleased the GSA is conducting assessments of properties in the "Federal Triangle South" area of Washington, D.C. We believe there may be considerable opportunity to reconfigure federal holdings there to consolidate federal employees in less site area and more efficient office space, and to use the value of currently vacant and underutilized sites, as well as sites freed up by consolidation, to directly benefit the taxpayer and dramatically lower the future costs of housing federal employees in the area.

We also understand that the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the District of Columbia conducted several planning studies of the area which made similar conclusions and recommends reconfiguration of the holdings, restoration of the street grid and Maryland Avenue, and promotes mixed use redevelopment on sites not retained for government use. Proper redevelopment of this area could be a model for better use of federal properties nationally – benefitting both the federal taxpayer and the communities in which federal properties are located.

As you know, last Congress our Committee highlighted the vacant buildings and underdeveloped real estate in Federal Triangle South as examples of inefficiency and waste in federal property management that should be promptly addressed. Further we understand that CSX Corporation, which controls the Maryland Avenue right of way, will be improving its rail line in 2013 and 2014 as part of its National Gateway Initiative. The opportunity for coordination with CSX's program, if GSA acts promptly, may avoid adding complexity and costs to the restoration of Maryland Avenue development of GSA's parcels.

We urge you to promptly evaluate whether it would be in the best interest of the federal government and taxpayers to enable the restoration of Maryland Avenue on a timeline that takes advantage of potential cost savings through coordination with the CSX rail plan in the area.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,



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The Administrator

June 20, 2013

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman,
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated April 22, 2013, regarding the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) Federal Triangle South (FTS) initiative.

As you know, I am committed to exploring all of GSA's real property authorities to improve the management of the Government's real estate. This includes looking at opportunities to leverage the equity of some of GSA's outdated and inefficient properties for the acquisition of new, highly efficient ones. The FTS project is one example of an approach that may prove a valuable tool to reduce the Government's space needs, improve utilization, and save money on real estate costs.

GSA recognizes the importance of a more efficient use of space in the FTS area. However, the reconstitution of Maryland Avenue is a complex issue with many facets, including local land use planning and infrastructure investment, among others, which may not be under our purview. As part of this effort, we have been working closely with the National Capital Planning Commission and the District of Columbia Office of Planning.

Currently, we are reviewing the responses received from our Request for Information on the FTS area, and will use the information obtained from the responses to assist with the long-term plan of the project. We hope to conclude the initial analysis of the responses by the end of July, after which the Agency would be in a better position to lay out a potential path forward.

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If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 501-0800 or Ms. Lisa A. Austin, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator

cc: The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, I
The Honorable Louis J. Barletta
The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton



The Administrator

June 20, 2013

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As part of this effort, we have been working very closely with the National Capital Planning Commission and the District of Columbia Office of Planning. There are a myriad of issues, especially related to streets and infrastructure, which will need to be addressed in any reconfiguration of the FTS area.

GSA has been engaged in the Maryland Avenue discussion for a number of years and recognizes the importance of a more efficient use of the space in the FTS area. However, the reconstitution of Maryland Avenue is a complex issue with many facets, including but not limited to local land use planning and funding, neither of which are under the purview of the GSA.

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Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator

cc: The Honorable Bill Shuster
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The Administrator

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Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator

cc: The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, I
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Thomas Dryer
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Dear Mr. Dryer:

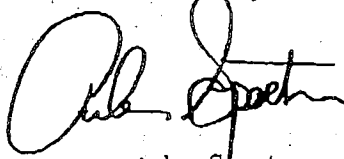
I am writing you on behalf of the officials of the City of Hazleton. My Northeast Office has been contacted by Mayor Lou Barletta of the City of Hazleton regarding the development of the former Federal Building, Hazleton, PA. I have enclosed additional information on this matter for your review.

I have been advised by Mayor Barletta that the City of Hazleton is requesting that the General Services Administration amend a Quitclaim Deed to permit the City of proceed with the development of the former Federal Building. The City is requesting that the language be amended to allow the City to lease the property to an individual or entity. They have submitted this request because the City has been unable to identify a government agency interested in leasing or utilizing the Federal Building. However, I have been informed that the City of Hazleton has a preliminary agreement to lease this facility to Lackawanna College for long-term use should the request to amend the Quitclaim Deed be accepted.

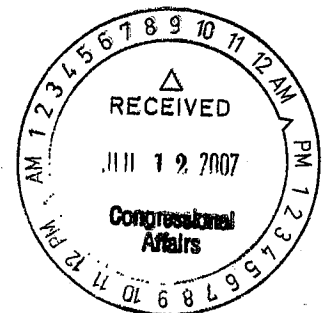
Accordingly, I would appreciate your assistance in investigating this matter, and updating my office on the status of this request. I ask that you respond to my Northeast Executive Director, Andrew M. Wallace, at 310 Spruce Street, Suite 201, Scranton, PA 18503. The telephone number is (570) 346-2006 should you have any additional questions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter
United States Senator



Via Facsimile: 202-219-5742



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June 26, 2007

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Architectural Historian
National Park Service
United States Custom House
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

RE: Former Federal Building
145 E. Broad Street
Hazleton, PA 18201

Dear Ms. McCann:

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation, I am writing to enlist your assistance with regard to the property as identified above. The City is requesting the General Services Administration to amend a Quitclaim Deed (Book 2228, Page 353, April 17, 1987) to effectively permit the City to proceed with development of the former Federal Building (FB).

The amendment the City seeks is with reference to Page 5, Section 3 of the Quitclaim Deed. Specifically, Section 3 states in part, "...the Grantee will not sell, lease, assign, or otherwise dispose of any of the premises described above except to another local government agency..." **The City is requesting that this language be amended to allow the City to lease the subject property to any individual or entity.** The reason for this request is that the City is unable to identify a governmental agency that is interested in leasing the premises.

In reviewing the City's request, please consider the background information as stated below:

Since the City was granted a quitclaim in April, 1987, it had successfully leased the former FB to the County of Luzerne, PA for occupation by numerous County government offices until the fall of 2005 at which time the County vacated the structure and has since, relocated to another facility. Just recently Luzerne County Commissioners have begun negotiations to acquire a

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June 26, 2007
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suitable building in downtown Hazleton that will eventually house the County's government offices that previously were located at the former FB.

Almost immediately following the County's vacation of the former FB, the City had made numerous overtures to Luzerne County officials compelling them to reconsider a return to the building. The County had decided, however that it was in their best interest to own a site rather than continue to pay rent and lease.

Despite continual efforts, the City was unable to identify a governmental/quasi-governmental agency that is interested in occupying the FB. As a result, the City opted to advertise via Request for Proposals (RFP) for a suitable developer to partner with the City to effectuate the development/reuse of the FB. Proposals to the RFP were due in May, 2007.

At this point in time, the City is poised to enter into a lease agreement with a private developer that is prepared to make a significant investment to improve the building and secure a lease with Lackawanna Community College, a realistic long-term tenant. Of course, the GSA would have to review favorably, the City's request to amend the Quitclaim Deed as described above.

I trust this correspondence provides enough detail to effectively, "get the ball rolling"! I should mention that the proposed project is on a fast track as far as the City and developer are concerned due to the fact that the rental space must be ready and available for occupancy by the College at mid-August, 2007. Obviously, that does not allow for much time.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation with this very urgent matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Samuel Monticeno
Administrator

cc: Lou Barletta, Mayor
Lackawanna Hazleton, LLC
Solicitor

LOU BARLETTA
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the city of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Hazleton has applied for the transfer of a surplus Bombardier Learjet from the GSAXcess system to the Hazleton Regional Airport.

The Hazleton Regional Airport has made tremendous progress in enhancing its overall operations over the last few years. Obtaining this surplus Bombardier Learjet will allow the airport to continue to grow and provide exceptional services for Pennsylvania's 11th congressional district. Although the Hazleton Regional Airport is relatively small, their vision for growth is strong with attainable goals and proven results.

Obtaining a surplus Bombardier Learjet would demonstrate the airport's status as an important asset to Northeastern Pennsylvania. Additionally, the city of Hazleton intends to repair the Learjet into sound operable condition since GSA indicates the condition of the jet as "repairable". Once repaired, the jet will be used to educate students and train pilots on jet operations.

If approved, this transfer will continue the Hazleton Regional Airport's growth and provide an economic catalyst for Pennsylvania's 11th congressional district. I would like to express my support for the city of Hazleton's application, and request that this application receive your full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your kind attention to my request.

Very truly yours,

Lou Barletta
Member of Congress
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CC: Dominic Yannuzzi, City of Hazleton, Engineering

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GSA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

December 24, 2013

The Honorable Lou Barletta
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Barletta:

Thank you for your letter dated November 22, 2013, supporting the City of Hazleton's request for a Bombardier Learjet C-21A for use by the Hazleton Regional Airport.

We are pleased to inform you that a Bombardier Learjet aircraft, tail number 84-0100, was donated to the Pennsylvania State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP), for the City of Hazleton, on November 20, 2013. Mr. Steve Livingston, with the Pennsylvania SASP, is coordinating the donation with the City of Hazleton and the Hazleton Regional Airport. Mr. Livingston can be reached at (717) 787-5940.

The U. S. General Services Administration's (GSA) Surplus Property Donation Program employs specific methods to assure a fair and equitable distribution of all available aviation assets. GSA evaluates numerous factors when allocating scarce, valuable aircraft. We strive to ensure the best possible use of these aviation assets for the majority of citizens.

GSA is pleased that the City of Hazleton will use the donated aircraft to educate students and train pilots on jet operations, and that the aircraft will serve as an economic catalyst for Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lisa A. Austin".

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator



GSA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

September 24, 2014

The Honorable Louis J. Barletta
Member, United States
House of Representatives
1 South Church Street, Suite 100
Hazelton, PA 18201

Dear Representative Barletta:

Thank you for your letter dated September 12, 2014, on behalf of [REDACTED] concerning the process for obtaining surplus Federal vehicles.

(b) (6)

The Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program allows the U. S. General Services Administration (GSA) to donate surplus Federal personal property—including vehicles—to local governments. Under the Program, GSA works through the State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP), which determines program eligibility and donates the property to the local government recipient.

The Pennsylvania SASP coordinator is Mary Beth S. Stringent and she can be reached at (717) 787-5940 or mstringent@pa.gov. Ms. Stringent can provide additional details and access to GSAXcess, which lists available surplus property. Most SASPs are self-sustaining, so you may be charged for shipping and handling.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Austin", with a stylized, flowing script.

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator



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September 29, 2014

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Mr. Norman Dong
Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Commissioner Dong:

Thank you for your commitment to work with the committee to replace the General Services Administration's (GSA) unusually large number of expiring commercial real estate leases on time and in a manner that maximizes cost savings for the taxpayer. We appreciate your active participation in our July 15 round table and July 30 hearing where industry and government experts agreed the opportunity for dramatic savings is real but limited in time. In order to achieve these savings we strongly encourage you to significantly increase the issuance of task orders under the current National Broker Contract (NBC II) and expand the scope and capacity of the next generation broker contract to include prime contracts awarded to small business brokers. Broker contracts are a proven method for acquiring leased space for the government at significantly lower rental rates, and they can enable GSA to quickly increase its leasing capacity and seize this limited window of opportunity to save billions of dollars in lease payments for the taxpayer.

As we determined at the two recent committee meetings, we have a unique opportunity to replace half of GSA's leased inventory with more cost effective long-term lease deals that improve utilization rates. However, we are concerned this opportunity will be missed if specific actions are not taken to increase GSA's capacity to procure replacement leases. Absent a concerted effort, or "GSA leasing initiative" to achieve these goals, the taxpayer will pay considerably more than is necessary to house federal employees for the foreseeable future. Current GSA data, which shows short-term leases are growing and 20 percent more expensive, confirms the need for a leasing initiative to reverse this trend.

Over the next five years, GSA needs to replace approximately one hundred million square feet of expiring leases. Dramatically increasing task orders under NBC II, and ultimately under the next broker contract, is the most effective and immediate step GSA can take to increase its ability to

execute cost effective lease replacements and avoid costly holdovers and short-term lease extensions. Task orders should include prospectus level and below prospectus level leases, particularly those over 50,000 square feet, where GSA data confirms NBC brokers consistently negotiate lower effective rents than GSA. In fact, four of the most cost effective leases GSA recently signed in the National Capital Region were negotiated by NBC II contractors.

We also urge you to replace the expiring contract in a timely manner, while expanding its scope and capacity, to meet the unprecedented demand for lease procurements. Regarding scope, we recommend GSA improve the future contract by enabling private sector firms to further support related services such as the development of lease requirements and the clearly defined management of building out leased space. Market lease commissions, unaltered, should be able to provide adequate private sector compensation to perform these services. With respect to capacity, the next generation broker contract should comply with small business contracting requirements without imposing additional administrative reporting burdens on large or small businesses. Small business brokers work as prime contractors for other agency leasing programs, and we believe they could be used effectively to help meet our mutual cost savings goals for GSA leases. GSA should begin the process of replacing the national broker contract on a timely basis so there is adequate opportunity for public review and comment and no lapse in GSA's use of contract brokerage services.

In closing, we are very encouraged by your commitment to work with our committee to save billions of dollars through competitive lease procurements. The opportunity is real, but limited in time.

We look forward to working with you to develop the next generation broker contract and specific goals and metrics for utilizing the current contract to meet GSA's lease renewal requirements. Please contact us directly or Dan Mathews of the committee staff in order to discuss the appropriate next steps in this effort.

Sincerely,



Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and
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Lou Barletta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Economic Development,
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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman, Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated September 29, 2014, regarding the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) expiring commercial real estate leases. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the July 2014 roundtable discussion and the subsequent Committee hearing.

As we have discussed, I share your view that GSA faces a great challenge and a great opportunity in the number of leases set to expire in the near future. One of my major priorities as Commissioner is to refocus the organization on this issue to ensure that, in partnership with you and other stakeholders, we do not miss the opportunity to put in place cost-effective, long-term replacement solutions.

GSA has a number of ongoing initiatives to help to get this done. As one major initiative that I know is of interest to you, on November 24, 2014, GSA issued the latest version of the National Broker Contract, now known as GSA Leasing Support Services. In coordination with you and your Committee, GSA is making improvements to this iteration of the contract, including changing the cost structure to incentivize brokers to get the best deal for taxpayers. This change, along with a number of new tools and performance measures GSA is putting in place, should allow GSA to make significant progress on Government leasing. I look forward to continuing our work together to provide savings to taxpayers, reduce the cost of real estate across the Federal Government, and deliver highly efficient space for GSA's partner Federal agencies.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-1100, or Lisa A. Austin, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Norman Dong
Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Lou Barletta

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April 14, 2015

Ms. Denise Turner Roth
Acting Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Acting Administrator Roth:

Given the importance of including small businesses in Federal contracts, I am encouraged by the General Services Administration's (GSA) Leasing Support Services draft solicitation which takes steps to ensure small businesses are effectively able to compete as prime contractors in providing leasing services. Recently, the Subcommittee has focused on the fact that half of GSA's leased space will expire over the next five years. As a result, it is even more critical GSA maximizes its use of the expertise and services of commercial real estate firms to ensure GSA and the taxpayer can take advantage of the current real estate market and negotiate good, long-term deals that will save the taxpayer billions.

I am concerned, however, that the draft solicitation is not specific as to how qualified small business brokers will be evaluated and awarded prime contracts. It is my understanding that GSA is developing the procurement with multiple regional contracts with the thought that small businesses will have a greater opportunity to compete. However, without transparency of the evaluation and award factors outlined in the solicitation, it is unclear how effective this approach will be. It is also unclear whether some of the qualifications listed unnecessarily preclude otherwise qualified companies from competing.

As you know, small businesses have been providing government leasing services as prime contractors to federal agencies on a national basis; the services required by and provided under these contracts are uniquely similar to those outlined in the draft solicitation. By providing such services small business have demonstrated their capability to fulfill contract obligations through management of staffing, maintaining sufficient capital resources, and displaying a strong entrepreneurial capacity to handle a changing workload on a national basis.

I urge GSA to ensure the solicitation is transparent and maximizes the amount of competition. I understand the final solicitation is due for submission in several weeks. Given the significant number of leases expiring in the near term, it is critical for GSA to ensure this process is completed on time to avoid any lapse in commercial real estate services critical to achieving the maximum savings possible for the taxpayer.

Sincerely,



Lou Barletta

Chairman

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Ms. Denise Turner Roth
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June 3, 2015

The Honorable Lou Barletta
Chairman, Subcommittee on Economic Development,
Public Buildings, and Emergency Management
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated April 14, 2015, to Acting Administrator Denise Turner Roth, regarding the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Leasing Support Services (GLS) procurement (GS-00-P-15-BQ-D-7002). The Acting Administrator asked me to respond to your inquiry.

Your letter expressed concern that the draft solicitation did not include Section M, outlining Methodology and Factors for Award, nor outline how small business brokers would be evaluated and potentially awarded a prime contract. GSA appreciates your comments and concerns. We agree that it is important to have a clear and competitive process that provides opportunities for small businesses to participate. The final solicitation, which has now been posted on Federal Business Opportunities, does include Section M language with clear evaluation factors; it also provides additional evaluation factors so that small businesses have more opportunities to compete.

The solicitation includes two evaluation factors: a technical factor and a pricing factor, and both provide preferences for small businesses. For the technical factor, offerors providing evidence of their standing as a Small Business; Small Disadvantaged Business; Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone); Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Business; and/or Woman-Owned Small Business will receive additional credit on their offer. For the pricing factor, any HUBZone small business concerns will receive a price evaluation preference. This preference will be calculated by adding a factor of 10 percent to the price of most non-HUBZone offers. This pricing preference is limited to HUBZone small businesses by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

The GSA Leasing Support Services procurement can be found at:
https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=2b1b0b1cb57c5d5e29c9573a50852d5d&tab=core&_cview=0

Again, GSA believes strongly in a transparent and competitive process that allows small businesses to compete not just for GLS, but as the starting point for all agency contracting. GSA hopes this helps answer your questions regarding the GLS contract.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator



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Mr. Timothy Horne
Acting Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Horne:

Thank you for your testimony before the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management at the hearing titled "Implementing the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA): Maximizing Taxpayer Returns and Reducing Waste in Real Estate" held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. As a follow-up to that hearing, attached, please find questions submitted for the record by members of the committee for your response.

Your timely and expeditious responses to these questions are much appreciated. Please respond to these requests at your earliest convenience, but no later than Friday, August 11, 2017. Please provide an electronic version of your responses to Tyler.Menzler@mail.house.gov.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee Counsel, Johanna Hardy, at (202) 225-3014.

Sincerely,

Lou Barletta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Economic Development,
Public Buildings, and Emergency Management

Enclosure

**“Implementing the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA):
Maximizing Taxpayer Returns and Reducing Waste in Real Estate”
Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and
Emergency Management Hearing
Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C.**

Questions for the Record

Submitted on behalf of Representative Lou Barletta (R-PA)

1. GSA and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have been working closely with the City of Pittsburgh, PA in the disposing of the vacant VA Highland Drive Medical Facility. The traditional real property disposal process can be cumbersome. However, there are ways the process could be streamlined and move faster – such as completing certain reviews simultaneously.
 - a. What is GSA doing to look for opportunities to streamline the process?
 - b. Do you commit to providing regular updates to the Committee as the disposal progresses?
 - c. What is your current timetable for the disposal?
2. The Federal Assets and Sale Transfer Act (FASTA) establishes requirements for the Federal Real Property Profile database and requires that the database be publicly accessible.
 - a. Where is GSA in implementing these requirements?
 - b. Will the deadline of one-year from enactment be met?
3. In 2014, the Subcommittee launched a series of hearings and roundtables focused on the large number of leases that will be expiring in the near term and how we can ensure GSA is in the best position to negotiate good deals and lower rates for the taxpayer when replacing those leases. At that time, we found 50 percent of GSA’s leases were expiring in five years. We also found a potential for significant savings of more than 20 percent if GSA negotiated longer term deals, as opposed to firm terms of five years or short-term extensions. Given the potential savings and large number of expiring leases, last Congress, I introduced bipartisan legislation, the Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016 which passed the House. That legislation would have created a streamlined leasing pilot program to provide GSA more tools to replace expiring leases with good deals. While I plan to re-introduce similar legislation, there are steps GSA can take now to lower leasing costs such as eliminating holdovers, negotiating replacement leases with

firm terms exceeding five years, and working across tenant agencies to find opportunities to co-locate and consolidate as leases expire.

- a. What steps has GSA taken to position itself to negotiate better lease deals?
- b. Please provide the Committee the percentage and square footage of expiring leases over the next five years.
- c. Please provide the Committee the number and percentage of leases in holdovers and in short-term extensions.

Submitted on behalf of Representative Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR)

1. Please provide the following records in the possession of the GSA to the Committee in unredacted form:
 - a. All communications that took place from June 16, 2015 to the present related to the Old Post Office building lease agreement (GS-LS-11-1307) between contracting officer Kevin Terry, or any other GSA employee, and
 - i. Donald J. Trump
 - ii. Ivanka Trump,
 - iii. Donald Trump Jr.,
 - iv. Eric Trump, or
 - v. David Orowitz.
 - b. All communications between Timothy Horne and
 - i. the Donald J. Trump campaign for president, or
 - ii. the Donald J. Trump presidential transition.
 - c. All legal memos or opinions created pursuant to the Old Post Office lease agreement.
 - d. All formal notices pursuant to the Old Post Office lease agreement
 - i. from GSA to the tenant
 - ii. from the tenant to GSA
 - e. All monthly reports submitted by the tenant describing revenues, expenses, and budgets, pursuant to the Old Post Office lease agreement.
 - f. All guidance provided by the White House or any other federal agency related to the Old Post Office lease agreement.
2. Please provide an explanation of how profits generated by the Trump International Hotel are calculated, and the amounts that GSA is entitled to receive on an annual or monthly basis. Specifically, please describe:
 - a. How often Trump International Hotel calculates the profits,
 - b. How often profit information is provided to GSA,
 - c. Eligible expenses that are itemized by Trump International Hotel,
 - d. Projected revenue information provided by Trump International Hotel, and
 - e. Any mechanisms GSA is entitled to use to validate profit calculations.
3. Please provide profit statements for the Trump International Hotel for 2016, and for

January through June 2017.

4. Please provide any guidance provided by the White House or any other federal agency to GSA with regard to the Old Post Office lease agreement.
5. Are any of the following White House employees recused from participating in decisions related to the Old Post Office lease? Please provide documentation; if none, please explain.
 - a. Ivanka Trump
 - b. Jared Kushner

Submitted on behalf of Representative Jeff Denham (R-CA)

1. How many agencies met the April 15, 2017 date for providing data on owned, leased, or controlled properties to GSA?
 - a. Did those agencies include recommendations of unneeded properties?
 - b. How do you recommend we incentivize more agencies to participate and submit that data and their valuable properties for consideration?
2. Upon receipt of agency recommendations, the Public Buildings Reform Board is to identify and implement an accounting system to evaluate costs and returns. Additionally, GSA and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) are to develop standards and criteria against which the recommendations will be reviewed. Has GSA begun consultation with OMB to review recommendations and develop standards for review?
3. On July 11, 2017 GSA announced that it is cancelling the strategy for the new FBI headquarters proposal. Trading the value of the Hoover building towards the value of the new property and offsetting the delta with appropriations was a questionable strategy. But we now have an opportunity: the FBI project is perfectly situated to be sold under FASTA authority. Does GSA plan to move forward with finding a new FBI headquarters or just cancel the project?
 - a. Does GSA plan to explore FASTA authority for the project?
 - b. Which type of transactions does GSA plan to explore for the project?

Submitted on behalf of Representative Barbara Comstock (R-VA)

Questions regarding the Federal Real Property Profile (FRPP):

1. By way of background, the House Appropriations Committee included the following language in its Committee Report to Accompany the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018:

Federal Real Property Profile.—The Committee remains extremely frustrated with the slow pace at which GSA and other federal agencies are improving the accuracy of the

Federal Real Property Profile. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) named managing federal real property to its 2017 High Risk List. The Committee is concerned that despite language in the fiscal year 2015, 2016, and 2017 reports, GSA has not made progress on the value and accuracy of its inventory, taken steps to include public lands as required by Executive Order 13327, made the FRPP available to the public, or geo-enabling the FRPP. The Committee is outraged that the federal government cannot provide an accurate accounting to the American public of all the property that it owns. The Committee expects GSA to work with agencies across government and utilize geographic information technology to improve the data contained in this report and enhance transparency to the American taxpayer. The Committee directs GSA to report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate on steps taken to improve the quality and transparency of the profile within 60 days after the enactment of this Act.

For reference, the language can be viewed here

<https://appropriations.house.gov/uploadedfiles/fsgg.report.07.13.17.pdf>.

- a. What is the status of GSA's undertaking for improving and enhancing the FRPP?
 - b. Since the GAO again included this topic in the 2017 High Risk List, will you share with me at the end of the 60-day period what steps GSA has taken to improve the FRPP?
2. Last year, then-GSA Administrator Denise Turner Roth stated that GSA hopes to work with the private sector as much as possible.
 - a. With respect to the GSA FRPP, what has GSA done to bring out the best mapping and geospatial knowledge base and expertise from the private sector to help with the FRPP?
 - b. What specifically does GSA plan to do with the geospatial community to make the FRPP more transparent and user-friendly for Members of Congress, decision-makers at the federal level, and most importantly, for my constituents searching for such data back in my district?

Questions regarding decision to halt consolidation of new FBI headquarters building:

1. My constituents and I were very troubled to learn that GSA was halting the process to consolidate the FBI headquarters building. These brave men and women really need this project to be completed in a timely and cost-efficient manner. They are currently in more than a dozen leased locations, in addition to the headquarters building. A consolidated headquarters would address security and operational concerns as well as save taxpayer dollars. In 2011, the FBI originally proposed completing the project through a ground-lease/leaseback arrangement. Instead, the GSA proceeded with an exchange approach, asserting the value of the Hoover building would be enough to cover the cost of a new consolidated headquarters. However, subsequently, GSA and the FBI returned to Congress seeking an additional \$1.4 billion in appropriations on top of the exchange.

There are less complicated ways for this project to proceed, such as what was originally proposed by the FBI.

- a. Does GSA commit to considering all of these options in finding a path forward on this critical project?
- b. What is GSA's timeline for proposing a path forward?

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 8, 2016

Mr. Norman Dong
Public Building Service Commissioner
General Services Administration
1800 F Street NW
Washington, DC

Dear Commissioner Dong,

Since passage of the Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-407), the General Services Administration (GSA) has worked with its master developer partner, Forest City Washington, to realize the stated purpose of the statute we got Congress to pass in 2000 to bring the Southeast Federal Center to productive use for the benefit of taxpayers. Progress is well underway toward meeting the goal of producing 5.5 million square feet of commercial development on the 42-acre property, which provides revenue from this site to the federal government for the first time.

However, an unanticipated hurdle has arisen that should have been clarified by now, considering the ongoing development agreement between GSA and Forest City Washington. That agreement provides that if any office buildings are built (totaling up to 1.8 million square feet of the 5.5 million square feet approved for development), they will be on ground leases granted by GSA to Forest City Washington. Forest City Washington is required to pay ground rent to GSA when office buildings are erected on the site whether or not leased by GSA.

Our offices seek clarification from GSA in light of the position that Forest City Washington has taken that ground rent payments made to GSA should be considered against any space rent Forest City Washington proposes in competitive lease procurements when deciding which bid offers the lowest cost lease to the federal government. For example, Forest City Washington argues that \$45 million in rental payments would have been paid to GSA over the term of a major GSA lease had the Forest City Washington proposal been selected. Because of GSA's concerns about fairness to other competitors, that sum went unrecognized by GSA in evaluating all the lease proposals in the procurement. This issue is likely to arise in procurements elsewhere and has not been affirmatively answered explicitly as a matter of GSA policy. We are requesting that GSA explicitly answer the question posed by this dilemma and

the reasons for the GSA position. We have been asked, for example, if a developer required to pay ground rent to GSA offered \$501 million while the winning competitor offers \$500 million, would GSA, which is guaranteed the start of payments totaling \$45 million returned to itself without delay (and thus the taxpayer), consider this amount over the course of the lease in the lease competition.

Would the federal government have also accelerated the timeline for its reversionary interest in the property activated at the end of the lease? Once the improved property reverts back to the federal government, any rental payments being paid by a federal agency go into the Federal Buildings Fund instead of to Forest City Washington. The Federal Buildings Fund, of course, is used to fund new construction and repairs of existing GSA controlled facilities. Would the eventual addition of the office buildings constructed by Forest City be a significant benefit to taxpayers?

We make these inquiries considering that GSA has previously acknowledged similar economic advantages in competitions for leased space. For instance, GSA consistently recognizes that existing capital investment in leased premises offers vested incumbent lessors an economic advantage unavailable to any other competitors because of the potential avoidance of the costs of moving a federal agency and replacing furniture, fixtures and equipment when considering new space.

As you can see, a dilemma results for all concerned. Does Forest City Washington get a competitive advantage in some cases if its ground rent encourages GSA to select Forest City Washington for a parcel? On the other hand, are taxpayers at a disadvantage when another landlord is selected but taxpayers get no ground rent or ground rent is delayed while Forest City Washington waits for another tenant as a result of the lease award? The Southeast Public Private Redevelopment Act did not oblige GSA to take space in any building constructed on this site. The Act appears to be less clear, however, about how that ground rent is considered when GSA is leasing for the government. In light GSA's current policies to capture added value for the government, what does GSA believe the intent of the Act to be? We would appreciate your position on this matter. Please advise us of your findings within 60 days.

Sincerely,



Lou Barletta
Chairman, Subcommittee on Economic
Development, Public Buildings, and
Emergency Management



Eleanor Holmes Norton
Senior Member, Subcommittee on
Economic Development, Public Buildings,
and Emergency Management



March 11, 2016

The Honorable Lou Barletta
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Economic Development, Public Buildings,
and Emergency Management
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Senior Member, Subcommittee on
Economic Development, Public Buildings,
and Emergency Management
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Barletta and Congresswoman Norton:

Thank you for your letter dated February 8, 2016, regarding the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) response to various requests by Forest City Washington for evaluation of ground rent acceleration at The Yards as additional consideration in potential office space lease procurements.

GSA is currently examining all of the questions and issues in your comprehensive letter. We are giving each of the proposed questions consideration and will respond to you within 60 days, as requested in your letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Austin".

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator



GSA Public Buildings Service

April 8, 2016

The Honorable Lou Barletta
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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Senior Member, Subcommittee on
Economic Development, Public Buildings,
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Barletta and Congresswoman Norton:

Thank you for your letter dated February 8, 2016, regarding the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) development agreement with Forest City Washington (FCW), entered into pursuant to the Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000, P.L. 106-407 (the "Act"). GSA is open to discussing with FCW any specific proposals and respective cost benefit analyses it might have regarding how the development agreement may be improved for the benefit of taxpayers. GSA would also encourage FCW to compete in any leasing procurements and to offer competitive pricing.

The exclusive development rights conferred on FCW through the development agreement already provide FCW with a competitive advantage in the context of competitive GSA space actions. Given the number of development projects achieved since 2005 in the Southeast sector of the District, the ground lease rental rates established in the development agreement are presently below market rates such that FCW likely already enjoys an advantage as a developer with respect to land costs. GSA believes that FCW could make competitive offers in terms of price, either to the Government or the private sector. Should FCW compete in and win a GSA lease procurement FCW and GSA then could discuss offsetting ground lease payments against space.

U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405-0002
Telephone: (202) 501-1100
Fax: (202) 501-2300
www.gsa.gov

You have asked, specifically, how GSA would treat, for evaluation purposes, ground rent payments payable to GSA from FCW in a competitive lease procurement where FCW was a participant. The Act does permit in-kind consideration, including the provision of office space. However, the negotiated development agreement between GSA and FCW makes no provision for FCW being able to offset ground rent payable to GSA against space rent due. If GSA and FCW were able to agree to terms mutually acceptable, and to the benefit of the taxpayer, an amendment to the development agreement to provide for such an offset would require congressional notification as contemplated by the Act.

In closing, if FCW has any specific proposal to amend the development agreement, GSA is available to discuss this proposal with them. If you have any questions, please to contact me at (202) 501-1100, or Mary Gibert, Regional Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, National Capital Region, at (202) 708-5891.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NDong', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Norman Dong
Commissioner



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THIS IS A FAX TRANSMISSION FROM:

REP. LOUIS J. BARLETTA, 11TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
1 SOUTH CHURCH STREET
HAZLETON, PA 18201
TEL: (570) 751-0050
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TO: 6SA - Congressional

RE: (b) (6)

FROM: Vincent J. Kundrik - Constituent Services Rep.

DATE: 9-22-15

FAX NUMBER: 202-219-5742

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please review & contact me.

THANK YOU

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September 22, 2015

Mr. Rodney Emery
Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
General Services Administration
1800 F St NW, Room 6105
Washington, DC 20405-0001

Dear Mr. Emery:

The enclosed information concerning my constituent (b) (6) is submitted for your consideration. (b) (6) has requested my assistance regarding nuclear power plant sites.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in investigating this matter and informing me of your findings and of any action you are able to take on behalf of (b) (6).

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please respond to me at the Hazleton Office; 1 South Church Street, Suite 100, Hazleton, PA 18201, (570) 751-0050.

Very truly yours,

Lou Barletta
Member of Congress

LB\VK



VINCENT KUNDRIK
CONSTITUENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE

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LOUIS J. BARLETTA
11th District, Pennsylvania



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CONGRESSIONAL CASEWORK AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss (b) (6)

Address: (b) (6)

City, State, ZIP Code: (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

Telephone: Home: (b) (6) Work: (b) (6)

Social Security Number: (b) (6) Date of Birth: (b) (6)

Passport/Allen Number (if this is an immigration case):

Claim, File or Case Number: Filing Date:

Federal Agency involved in your case:

Which other offices have you contacted? GSA

I request the assistance of Congressman Lou Barletta and his staff in the following federal matter:
(Please provide a brief explanation of your problem and attach copies of any relevant document.
Use additional paper if necessary.)

I have a case before the National Labor Relations Board related to
the right to work law in Tennessee. The most important issue in the
case is the status of the land upon which the Watts Bas Nuclear
Power Plant sits. The GSA is the record holder of this information
but I have been unable to get a response from them. I need to know
if that property is under "Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction" or not.
This is the deciding factor in my case. Time is of the essence for
your answer as the case is at decision time. Please help ASAP.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby authorize Congressman Lou Barletta and his
staff to make the necessary inquiry on my behalf regarding the problem described above. I give my
consent for the information concerning me and this problem to be furnished to Congressman Lou
Barletta and his staff.

Signed: (b) (6)

Date: 2015-09-22



GSA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

October 20, 2015

The Honorable Louis J. Barletta
Member, United States
House of Representatives
Attn: Mr. Vincent J. Kandrak
1 South Church Street
Hazleton, PA 18201

Dear Representative Barletta:

Thank you for your letter dated September 22, 2015, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) requested that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) determine whether the Watts Bas Nuclear Power Plant (Plant) is located on land which is under exclusive Federal jurisdiction.

GSA does not collect or maintain jurisdictional status for other Federal agencies and does not have the authority to require that Federal agencies report this information. Consequently, GSA is unable to confirm the jurisdictional status of the land where the Plant is located. Therefore; GSA believes that the Department of Energy Regulatory Commission can best respond to this matter and has forwarded your inquiry to:

Chris Murray
Director, Division of Government Affairs
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE, Room 1 IH
Washington, DC 20426

A copy of that referral letter is enclosed. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa A. Austin".

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator

Enclosure

LOUIS J. BARLETTA
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Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss (b) (6)

Address: (b) (6)

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Email: (b) (6)

Telephone: Home (b) (6) Work:

Social Security Number: (b) (6) 3

Passport/Alien Number (if this is an immigration case):

Claim, File or Case Number (b) (6) Filing Date:

Federal Agency involved in your case: Dept. of Treasury - Debt Management Service

Which other offices have you contacted? GSA

I request the assistance of Congressman Lou Barletta and his staff in the following federal matter:
(Please provide a brief explanation of your problem and attach copies of any relevant document.
Use additional paper if necessary.)

The govt. driver in his statement said he got into the berm with other traffic. The govt keeps replying that he was not in the traveling in the berm and to continue to pursue this claim. Also govt bases claim on police report when police were not a witness to accident.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby authorize Congressman Lou Barletta and his staff to make the necessary inquiry on my behalf regarding the problem described above. I give my consent for the information concerning me and this problem to be furnished to Congressman Lou Barletta and (b) (6)

Signed: (b) (6) Date: 9/19/16

Department of the Treasury
Bureau of the Fiscal Service

CROSS SERVICING DEBTOR DISPUTE FORM

Please complete the form below, attaching any supporting documentation.
Fax form and attachments to 855-415-4999.

Name:	<div>(b) (6)</div>
Address:	
Social Security Number:	
FedDebt Number:	

Comments:

I did not receive notice of proposed offset action and the right to dispute the offset as required by law. And the amount of offset is for a disputed claim dated 7/19/07 which has always been disputed since the beginning. NO attempt has been made to contact me since 2008 and collection by offset without the opportunity to be heard is a violation of the Constitutional right to due process under the Constitution. Waiver of the offset is Requested.
also request an arbitrator to listen to each side and decide.

You may also mail the form to:
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Debt Management Services
P O Box 830794
Birmingham, AL 35283-0794

Privacy Act Statement: Collection of this information is authorized by 5 U.S.C. § 552a, 26 U.S.C. §§ 6331 and 6402, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3716, 3720A and 7701(c). This information will be used to identify your receivables (whether current or delinquent) submitted to the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service for collection by Federal and State agencies, and to identify payments made or due to you by Federal or State agencies. This information will be disclosed to persons as authorized by you. Additional disclosures of this information may be to Federal and State agencies collecting your debts or issuing payments to you. The purpose of the additional disclosures will be to verify the accuracy of the information provided to the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and to assist such agencies in collecting your debts. Where the taxpayer identification number is your Social Security Number, collection of this information is required by 31 U.S.C. § 7701(c). Failure to furnish the information requested, including your Social Security Number, may delay or prevent proper review and assessment of your request.

CROSS SERVICING DEBTOR DISPUTE FORM

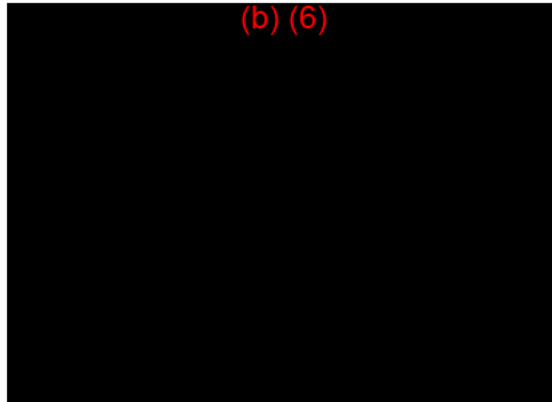
FOR

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

FED DEBT NUMBER:



COMMENTS:

Anyone who reads my file will note that I have from the beginning disputed my drivers liability because he is a man of integrity, and if he was in the wrong he would have told me so.

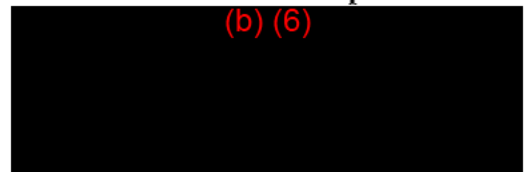
What we have here is each side claiming innocence. From the beginning I requested a hearing or arbitration so that both sides could present their facts, but all I got was collection calls and I told them what I said above, please lets have an arbitration.

My driver and another employee were in the truck. They both made statements in the record that the govt. driver was driving on the berm trying to get a head of them and they did not see that car until space ran out on the berm and a collision occurred. The police did not take a statement from my driver, and the govt. driver gave the police a report supporting his account. At least my drivers statement should have been included in the police report!

I have disputed this claim on the principle of what you and I expect from anyone including the govt. and that is fairness.

I think you would have to agree that any fair minded individual who has read the report would have long ago come to the conclusion that true liability is unable to be determined due to conflicting statements and reports, and that fair resolution would be a split of the original costs.

Sincerely,



CROSS SERVICING DEBTOR DISPUTE FORM

FOR

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

FED DEBT NUMBER:

(b) (6)

COMMENTS:

In the file the reason for continued pursuit of the damages from me are statements from Patricia N. Taylor at GSA saying police report does not state Gov was on berm or passed on right. Also a statement that we where charged with the accident from the police is totally incorrect. The police just took a statement from the gov driver, period. He was not there !!

Your driver has given a statement "ON THE RECORD" that he turned onto the berm with other drivers. He had to return to the correct lane, and when he did the accident occurred. You have a copy of his statements just as I do.

You have continued to pursuit this accident utilizing incorrect information and half truths. Read your drivers statement, "HE TURNED ONTO THE BERM AND THEN HE HAD TO TURN BACK ONTO THE HIGHWAY WHEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED.

I request a complete review of this injustice !

Sincerely,

(b) (6)



"NRS (b) (6)
<12037000@cnrc.navy.mil>

10/30/2007 03:17 PM

Please respond to
12037000@cnrc.navy.mil

To patn.taylor@gsa.gov

cc

bcc

Subject G10-7602B

*Gov Drivers
statement*

Pat,

On the day of the accident I was on 81 North and they were doing construction. It was heavy traffic which was barely moving and the exit was directly ahead of me. The traffic that was going for the exit was on the burm going about 5 mph. I entered this traffic to get off of the exit and when I was on the exit a dump truck came over and hit the rear driver's side door. Immediately after that I turned onto the burm and he pulled in behind. There was no traffic on the burm when we pulled over, it was all on the off ramp. That is where the accident occurred.

V/r,

(b) (6)

100 Wyoming Valley Mall, Suite 4
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Office: 570-822-0975
Fax: 570-822-4453
Mobile: (b) (6)
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Treasury Cross-Servicing Dispute Resolution

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DMS Request Date: December 22, 2008

Total Number of Pages:

FedDebt Case ID: (b) (6)

Principal Amount: (b) (6)

Creditor Agency Debt ID: V0307388

PCA Code: PCR

Debtor: JOHN NOVOSEL LANDSCAPING (MOUNTAIN

Program: General Services Administration

For CMS Use Only:

Creditor Agency Contact Name: Mike Jones

HIC:

Creditor Agency Contact Phone: 816-926-7551 Beneficiary Name:

Creditor Agency Facsimile: 816-823-1048 TIN:

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JAN 05 2009

Dispute Number: DIS2008019269

Dispute request reason: MD00 Miscellaneous Dispute

Additional Comments: Debtor disputes this debt, states does not owe, request all debt info. Please see attached.

If you have any questions regarding the dispute, please send an email to: Dispute.Responses@fms.treas.gov.
 You may also email your response to this address or fax it to 205-912-6374 within 90 days of the request date.

Creditor Agency (CA) Dispute Resolution Section:

Please indicate a response by checking one of the following reasons. Please attach supporting documentation.

DAIC — CA agrees. Debt amount is incorrect. Requires financial adjustment.

DACC — CA disagrees. Debt amount is correct. Continue collection efforts.

MDAA — CA agrees. Miscellaneous dispute, stop collection activity.

MDFF — CA agrees. Miscellaneous dispute. Requires financial adjustment, continue collection efforts.

MDDD — CA disagrees. Miscellaneous dispute. Continue collection efforts.

VDWD — CA agrees. Wrong debtor, stop collection activity.

VDRD — CA disagrees. This is not the wrong debtor, continue collection efforts.

VDPP — CA agrees. Previously paid, stop collection activity.

VDNP — CA disagrees. Not previously paid, continue collection efforts.

VDPR — CA agrees. Previously resolved, stop collection activity.

VDNR — CA disagrees. Not previously resolved, continue collection efforts.

Financial Adjustment Information (To Be Completed By Creditor Agency):

Principal Amount \$ _____

Interest Amount \$ _____

Penalty Amount \$ _____

Admin Cost Amount \$ _____

Total Balance Owed \$ _____

Please check one of the following:

☐ Adjustment reflects the total balance currently owed by the debtor, and has been made by our Agency.☐ Adjustment has not been made in FedDebt by the Agency, and should be made by DMS.

Creditor Agency Response Date: 1/14/09 Creditor Agency Response Contact: _____

Additional Comments By Creditor Agency: GOV WAS NOT ON THE
 HORN WHEN ACCIDENT OCCURRED. HAD CONTROL
 OF LANE WHEN THE DUMP TRUCK CHANGED
 Lanes. Police report does not state GOV was
 on horn or passed on right.

Continue to pursue.

(b) (6)

1/14/09



Treasury Cross-Servicing Dispute Resolution

SBU

DMS Request Date: June 9, 2008

Total Number of Pages:

FedDebt Case ID: (b) (6)

Principal Amount: (b) (6)

Creditor Agency Debt ID: V0307388

PCA Code: PCR

Debtor: JOHN NOVOSEL LANDSCAPING (MOUNTAIN

Program: General Services Administration

For CMS Use Only:

Creditor Agency Contact Name: Mike Jones

HIC:

Creditor Agency Contact Phone: 816-926-7551 Beneficiary Name:

Creditor Agency Facsimile: 816-823-1048

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JUN 12 2008

Dispute Number: DIS2008009678

Dispute request reason: MD00 Miscellaneous Dispute

Additional Comments: Additional information is submitted concerning the accident related to this debt.

Debtor does believe he is responsible.

If you have any questions regarding the dispute, please call Valencia Thompson at 205-912-6327.

Creditor Agency must return response to Colette Green via facsimile 205-912-6374 within 90 days of request date.

Creditor Agency (CA) Dispute Resolution Section:

Please indicate a response by checking one of the following reasons. Please attach supporting documentation.

DAIC — CA agrees. Debt amount is incorrect. Requires financial adjustment.

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Financial Adjustment Information (To Be Completed By Creditor Agency):

Principal Amount \$

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Admin Cost Amount \$

Total Balance Owed \$

Please check one of the following:

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Creditor Agency Response Date: Creditor Agency Response Contact:

Additional Comments By Creditor Agency: Police report states (b) (6)

WAS charged for accident. GOV WAS NOT ON

Dern at time of accident.

Continue

(b) (6)

6/13/08



ROBERT T. PANOWICZ
ATTORNEY AT LAW

6 WEST MARKET STREET, SUITE 1100
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701 (570) 825-8831
FAX (570) 829-2222

December 17, 2008

Pioneer Credit Recovery, Inc.
Attn: Paul Burke
P.O. Box 189
Arcade, NY 14009

VIA FAX AND REGULAR MAIL

RE: (b) (6)
/ Albert K.
Mt. Top, PA 18707
Account No. 2008060684

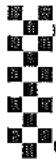
Dear Mr. Burke:

This correspondence is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of December 17, 2008 at approximately 11:00 A.M.

As we explained previously, we represent (b) (6) in connection with this matter. It is our position there is absolutely no debt owed by (b) (6) and renew the claims made by (b) (6) in his letter to your office dated April 14, 2008 as well as (b) (6) letter to your office dated June 4, 2008 indicating that (b) (6) was not at fault for the accident and therefore, there is no debt owed.

At this time, we formally request any and all information you have which supports your claim that the money which you are attempting to collect is in fact a valid debt.

Based upon our telephone conversation, it appears that your sole "proof" of any debt is a non-reportable police report of the accident from July 18, 2008. You stated (b) (6) (b) (6) liability is indicated solely by the comment in the police report indicating, Unit 1 changed lanes and struck Unit 2. This fails to consider the narrative also contained in the police report which clearly indicates that the government vehicle attempted to pass (b) (6) vehicle on the right passenger side on the berm of the road in order to avoid the traffic congestion. This is consistent with the recorded statement of (b) (6). As I am sure you are aware, police in Pennsylvania do not exercise judicial authority. The officer who authored this report was not a witness to this accident, and presumably compiled the report from hearsay statements from the drivers. Please note that nowhere in the police report does it indicate how this information was obtained.



Michael
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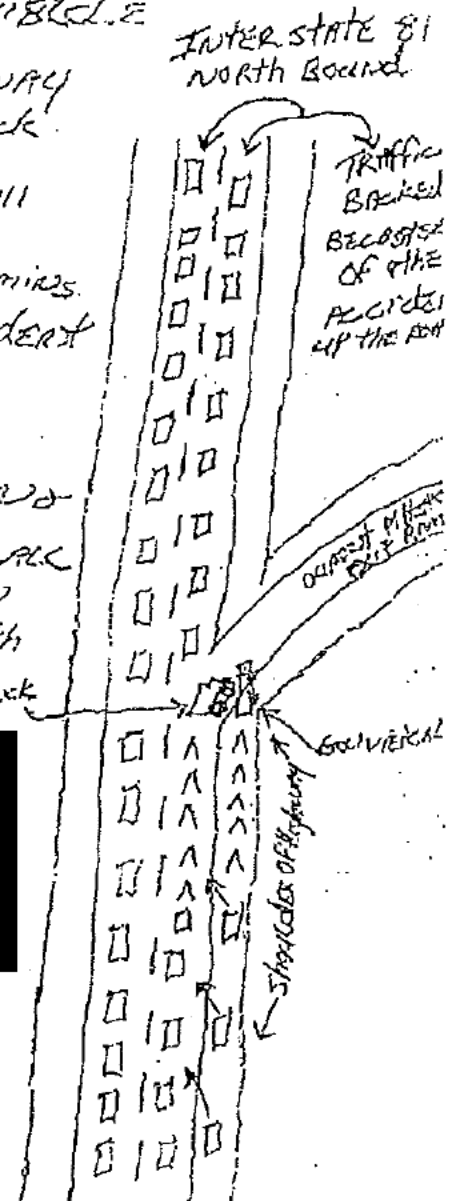
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Claim #180838042 - Carleeen

I (b) (6) WAS driving down Interstate 81 North Bound, when traffic started to slow down BECAUSE OF ACCIDENT UP THE ROAD, PEOPLE started to DRIVE ON THE SHOULDER OF Highway to get AHEAD of others. I WAS exiting off my RAMP when the GOV VEHICLE DROVE DOWN the SHOULDER of Highway & Hit my truck trying to get back ON to Interstate 81 we both called 911

FOR STATE POLICE it took the cop 15 mins to get there. HE WAS AT ^{the} OTHER ACCIDENT when HE came, ASKED BOTH of us what HAPPENED we told him & HE said SWAP INS IFO & took OUR IFO DOWN. IF ANY QUESTIONS ON ACCIDENT to call the WYO BARRECS & to continue ON AS LONG AS NO ONE WAS HURT & BOTH VEHICLES WERE DRIVEABLE!!! Tim's truck

(b) (6)



9/19/2016

Michael Shay, Constituent Services Representative

Michael,

The original GSA Dispute #

(b) (6)

Fed debt number 2008060684

Attached with this fax is my drivers version of the accident. Also keep in mind there was another employee in the truck that saw the entire accident unfold.

What the Gov does not seem to understand is that the accident occurred on the exit ramp because the gov car turned onto the ramp from the berm.

My truck did not change lanes, he merely took the exit as the gov car came off the berm onto the ramp and turned into my truck. SEE MY EMPLOYEE REPORT PLEASE.

Damage to the Gov vehicle was to the rear panel ON THE DRIVERS SIDE. This means the Gov vehicle HAD TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF MY TRUCK ON A ONE LANE EXIT RAMP. Look at my drivers report it shows exactly how this accident happened, and THE DAMAGE VERIFIES IT.

Thank you

(b) (6)

J



November 4, 2016

The Honorable Louis J. Barletta
Member, United States
House of Representatives
1 South Church Street, Suite 100
Hazleton, PA 18201

Dear Representative Barletta:

Thank you for your letter dated September 21, 2016, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) regarding an ongoing dispute about a July 18, 2007, accident involving a Government vehicle.

The evidence used to determine fault in the subject accident is inconclusive. Therefore, the U.S. General Services Administration has requested that the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) stop its collection action for this matter.

According to Treasury, the collection action was stopped on October 21, 2016, and Mr. Novosel's collection account was closed (i.e., zeroed out) on October 24, 2016.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Austin".

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator